



# Press Release

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Lt. Michael Reed reported that around 5:21pm, on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Lake County Sheriff's Office's Central Communications Center began fielding calls regarding a person placing threatening messages on his *Facebook* page.

The Sheriff's Office responded to the home of one of the initial complainants. It was learned that Anthony Harris, a 20 year old male who resides in the Painesville City area, had posted threats such as "...*I promise there will be more dead kids from Chardon*". Mr. Harris claimed that he had a firearm, and that people reading his posts had better take him seriously. While meeting with the initial complainant, two more calls were fielded from Lake County residents reporting the same threatening messages made by Anthony Harris.

Further investigation revealed that Mr. Harris had a number of active warrants out of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office. Specifically, Anthony Harris had an active felony warrant with full extradition for charges of *Burglary with forced entry*. Anthony Harris also had multiple active warrants for charges of *Theft and Breaking and Entering*, again out of Cuyahoga Sheriff's Office.

Deputies from the Lake County Sheriff's Office, along with officers from the Painesville City Police Department, responded to Harris's Painesville City address. Upon arrival, Anthony Harris was observed sitting in the living room area of his residence. Upon knocking at the door and announcing the Sheriff's Office's presence, Mr. Harris was observed to crawl across his living room floor and flee into the upstairs level of the residence. Sheriff's Office Deputies and Painesville Police Officers made entry into the residence and quickly took Anthony Harris into custody with no additional resistance to note.

Harris was interviewed in regards to the threats posted on his Facebook page. He confessed to making the threats as posted. Harris claimed that the threats were a "publicity stunt". Harris was subsequently booked into the Lake County Jail on 1<sup>st</sup> degree Misdemeanor charges for *Inducing Panic*. Holders

were placed on Harris in regards to the noted Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office warrants.

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